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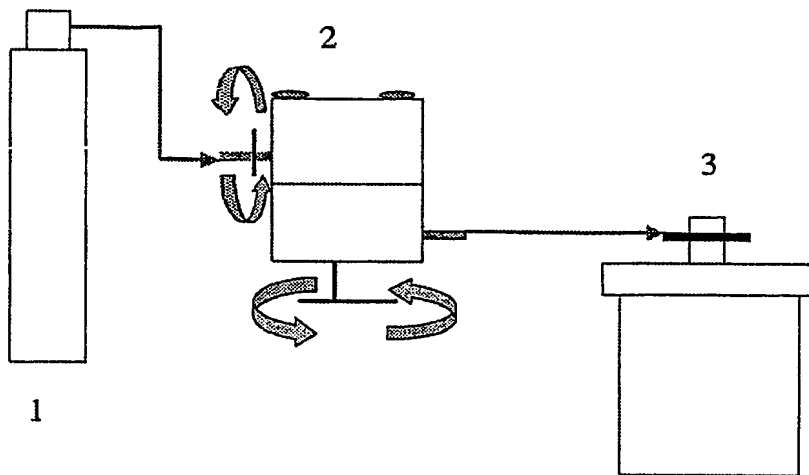
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(57) Abstract: This invention provides a method of analysing the contents of a pressurised container, such as a pressurised metered dose inhaler canister. This method comprises the steps of: enclosing said container in a pressure vessel and then pressurising the pressure vessel with a non-reactive fluid. The pressurised container within the pressure vessel is then pierced and the contents removed and analysed. The invention also consists of a device to carry out such a method.